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	Examiner	Art Unit
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All Participants:	Status of Application:	pending
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(2) <u>Barbara Ernst</u> .	(4)	•
Date of Interview: 7 September 2007	Time: <u>NA</u>	
Type of Interview: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Video Conference ☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applic	cant's representative)	
Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No If Yes, provide a brief description:	,	
Part I.		
Rejection(s) discussed: the obviousness-type double patenting (ODP) rejections	*.	
Claims discussed: NA		
Prior art documents discussed: NA	· .	
Part II.	·	
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GEN	ERAL NATURE OF WHAT V	WAS DISCUSSED:
Part III.		
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate directly resulted in the allowance of the application. T of the interview in the Notice of Allowability. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summation of the contraction of the cont	he examiner will provide a vertical record of the substance of	written summary of the substance the interview, since the interview
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: On 9/4/07, applicant's representative contacted the examiner regarding the ODP rejections of record. The rejections were briefly discussed on 9/7/07, with applicant's representative inquiring regarding the need to file a terminal disclaimer (TD) in the instant application given that it has the earliest filing date of the three applications. The examiner referred applicant's representative to MPEP 1490, and noted that if the claims in the instant application are eventually in condition for allowance and the only remaining rejections are the ODP rejections, the ODP rejections can be dropped in the instant (earliest filed) application and the application allowed to issue without the filing of a TD. The examiner indicated that applicant could respond to the ODP rejections by requesting that they be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is identified (or by traversing the rejections, or by the filing of a TD).